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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA

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1. GOP HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON OUR DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL BUT JOINT COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED AT END OF CEASUSESCU VISIT APRIL 12, 1975 (MANILA 4808), INCLUDED MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF "IMPORTANCE" OF TRANSFORMING AREAS "SUCH AS BALKANS AND INDIAN OCEAN INTO NUCLEAR FREE ZONES OF PEACE."

2. OUR AIDE MEMOIRE, PRESENTED TO DFA FEB 5, 1974, WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT. IN FEBRUARY 1974, WE JUDGED IT NEITHER NECESSARY NOR DESIRABLE TO INFORM GOP OF PASSAGE
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OF INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP SINCE GOP "DID NOT TAKE PRO-

PRIETARY INTEREST IN INDIAN OCEAN." IN AUGUST 1974, WE
RECOMMENDED AGAINST APPROACHING GOP ON P-3 RECON FLIGHTS
FROM UTAPAO OVER INDIAN OCEAN BECAUSE GOP "HAS ONLY
PERIPHERAL INTEREST IN INDIAN OCEAN."

3. INTERVAL SINCE 1974 EVALUATIONS OF GOP ATTITUDES TOWARDS
INDIAN OCEAN, HAS SEEN COLLAPSE OF INDOCHINA, GOP DECISION
REASSESS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH USG, AND PHILIPPINE EFFORT
CLOSER IDENTIFY ITSELF WITH THIRD WORLD. IN MAJOR FOREIGN
POLICY SPEECH OF MAY 23 (MANILA 7160), PRESIDENT STRESSED
THAT FIRST THREE MAIN POLICY GUIDES WERE: A) TO INTENSIFY
ALONG BROADER FIELD RELATIONS WITH ASEAN MEMBERS, B) TO
PURSUE MORE VIGROUSLY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH PRC AND USSR AND C) TO SEEK CLOSER IDENTIFI-
CATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD. GIVEN ATTITUDE TOWARD DIEGO
GARCIA IN OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS, PEKING AND MOSCOW AND
MOST OF THIRD WORLD, AS WELL AS LANGUAGE IN ROMANIAN
COMMUNIQUE, WE BELIEVE GOP WOULD PROBABLY FALL INTO "UN-
FAVORABLE" CATEGORY IF FORCED TO ADOPT PUBLIC POSITION,
SOMETHING IT HAS AVOIDED SO FAR.

4. GOP HAS NOT INDICATED TO US PRIVATELY SUPPORT FOR
DIEGO GARCIA BASE.
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